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Security Information

30 June 1953

PSB SUPPORT ACTIVITIES  
(June 1953)

The PSB held four Board meetings during June. Discussions of the Board which affect PSB numbered plans are reported below under the plan number. In addition, the Board considered several other subjects of interest to CIA, including:

a. PSB Support for Ambassador Lodge— During the first part of April 1953 G.D. Jackson notified the Board that he had been asked for support by Ambassador Lodge. On June 3 the Board approved a State Department proposal that a Working Group be set up to prepare and coordinate the material which it would then channel through the State Department, Bureau of United Nations Affairs in the normal manner. The Working Group is to be coordinated through the PSB Staff and to have representatives from State, Defense and CIA; the CIA representative [redacted] The Working Group has held several preliminary meetings to discuss procedural and intelligence support matters. Dr [redacted] of the PSB Staff has located a repatriated POW from Korea who has agreed to tell his story to selected individuals in New York during the UNGA session this autumn.

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b. Financial and Administrative Support for PSB— The PSB support agreement expired June 30. In view of the probable hiatus between the end of June and the date of the emergence of the successor to PSB, the Board on June 10 approved support for this period in accordance with the already-approved budget.

c. Coordination of Technical Planning for Psychological Operations— the Board on June 24 endorsed the recommendation of Mr. T.H.E. Nesbitt of the State Department that a standing inter-departmental committee be created to coordinate technical planning in the broadcasting field. The Board agreed that Mr. Nesbitt should be asked, in consultation with others, to draft specific terms of reference for submission to the Board.

d. On April 9

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d. On April 9 the Board discussed NSC 86/1 and agreed that the NSC Planning Board should be asked to prepare for NSC consideration a clarification of the language of 86/1 concerning "Key Personnel". On June 4 the NSC approved the interpretation of "Key Personnel" as including all satellite nationals whose escape, or utility after escape, would contribute significantly to the objectives outlined in NSC 86/1.

Many of the panels were active during the month. Summarized results follow:

a. D-23 (Southeast Asia): A revised version of the plan with respect to the Thai peoples of southeast Asia was presented to the Board at its meeting on June 17. The suggested CIA position on the paper was contained in a memorandum for the DCI from [REDACTED] DC/FE, and was developed from comments suggested by the PP staff, the PM staff and the FE division. Mr. C.D. Jackson is now engaged in resolving inter-agency differences of opinion on the plan.

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b. D-22 (Doctrinal Warfare): DCI forwarded on June 3 his approval of the plan with one minor editorial change but with the hope that some appropriate term be selected to replace "International Doctrinal Institute" described in the plan.

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c. D-41 (Psychological Exploitation of Stalin's Death): The third report on the activities of Working Group, Stalin, was furnished to the Board. [REDACTED], Chairman of WGS, distributed to members of the panel a paper on suggested current tactics for implementation of the strategic concept. This report was distributed to the area divisions and PP staff

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divisions and the comments resulting therefrom were forwarded to Mr. Morgan.

c. D-45 (Interim U.S. Psychological Plan for Exploitation of Unrest in Satellite Economy): A draft of this plan prepared in response to NSC action No. S17e, was approved, subject to minor drafting changes, by the Board at its meeting on June 24. The Defense position was reserved owing to the absence of Mr. Keyes. A summary of the recommendations as to policies and actions to exploit the unrest in the satellite states was forwarded to the NSC and approved with minor changes on June 25.

Other items of interest include:

a. Free World Congress: At its meeting on May 28 the Board requested CIA and State to ascertain field reaction to such a Congress.

An unfavorable response from [REDACTED] was reported to Mr. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] for information and intelligence on Malenkov available to State, Defense and CIA, to determine if it is feasible to carry out a detailed psychological analysis of Malenkov. A memo was sent to Dr. [REDACTED] of the PSB staff requesting that one section, describing the names and activities of CIA personnel, be deleted before dissemination to State and Defense.

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c. On June 9 CIA received from PSB two studies by Mr. [REDACTED] of the PSB staff, one entitled: "MALENKOV: Some Biographical Highlights," and the other "Stalin's Death and the New Regime." These studies were distributed to persons in the Agency who might be interested.

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